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## SECRETARY FOR RESOURCES MIKE CHRISMAN DESIGNATES FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN AND PAST SACRAMENTO MAYOR PHIL ISENBERG AS DELTA VISION BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman today designated Former Assemblyman and past Sacramento Mayor Phil Isenberg as chairman for the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force. Isenberg's designation as chair follows Governor Schwarzenegger's appointment earlier today of the seven-member Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force.

"The enormous challenges we face with regard to Delta sustainability should not deter us from working together to develop a comprehensive solution," Isenberg said. "While we must recognize that the Delta cannot be all things to all people, by working together we will be able to develop ideas and policies that provide an overall benefit for all the state's residents and for our future."

Isenberg's position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary.

The purpose of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, created by <u>executive order</u> S-17-06, is to develop a Delta Vision to provide a sustainable management program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, a unique natural resource of local, state and national significance. The Task Force will prepare an independent public report that will be submitted to the Delta Vision Committee and Governor that sets forth its findings and recommendations on the sustainable management of the Delta by January 1, 2008 and a Strategic Plan to implement the Delta Vision by October 31, 2008

Isenberg, 67, of Sacramento, has served as president of Isenberg/O'Haren Government Relations since 2005. From 2004 to 2006, he was a member of the board of directors for the 21st Century Insurance Group. Previously he served in the California State Assembly, where he was a member of the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. He served as chair of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2004 to 2006 where he specialized in dispute resolution. He is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, Sierra Club and the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. Isenberg is a former 14-year member of the California State Assembly and Mayor of Sacramento (1975-1982). During his tenure in the Legislature, he specialized in a variety of governmental activities, including extensive work on the state budget and state/local government financial relations.

Isenberg is a Democrat

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